



MINUTES

Capital Projects Committee of the Legislative Council

June 18, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Jensen, Chairperson
Representative Chuck Gipp, Vice Chairperson

Senator Nancy Boettger
Senator Tom Flynn
Senator Jeff Lamberti

Representative Betty Grundberg
Representative Pam Jochum
Representative Pat Murphy

MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business.
- II. Citizens' Aide Ombudsman - Artwork.
- III. Department of General Services Project Updates.
- IV. Chamber Renovation Update.
- V. Written Materials Submitted to the Committee.



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I. Procedural Business.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jensen at 10:05 a.m. on June 18, 2002, in Room 118 of the State Capitol. The Committee approved the minutes of the December 11, 2001, meeting of the Committee. The Committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

II. Citizens' Aide Ombudsman - Artwork.

Mr. Bill Angrick, Citizens' Aide Ombudsman, requested permission to assume liability for and to spend \$4,744 for moving and hanging a portrait in the Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman's Office. The portrait of General G.M. Dodge weighs 400 pounds, is valued at between \$55,000 and \$75,000, and is currently being stored in the basement of the State Historical Building. Mr. Angrick stated that moneys remaining in the Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman's Office Fiscal Year 2002 budget could be used to cover the costs. Vice Chairperson Gipp stated that it was not an appropriate time to use state moneys for moving and hanging the portrait due to the state's worsening financial situation. Mr. Angrick withdrew his request. Representative Grundberg suggested that Mr. Angrick pursue private donations to fund the moving and hanging of the portrait.

III. Department of General Services Project Updates.

Mr. Tom Johnson, Department of General Services, provided the Committee with updates on the following projects:

- **Parking Structure.** Mr. Johnson stated that the parking structure on the corner of Grand and Pennsylvania Avenues in Des Moines is currently under construction and due for opening on February 14, 2003. The structure will have 873 parking stalls with 200 reserved for visitors, 18 reserved for persons with disabilities, and the remainder reserved for state employees. Mr. Johnson stated that, with the removal of lots 7 and 8 on the west side of the Capitol, the parking structure will result in a net gain of over 500 parking stalls. Mr. Johnson stated that there is currently no plan to charge a fee for parking in the structure.
- **Laboratory Facility.** Mr. Johnson provided information regarding the progress of the laboratory facility construction on the west side of the Des Moines Area Community College campus in Ankeny. Site grading bids have been opened and bids for other work will be received in August. Mr. Johnson stated that contracting for artwork for the building is in progress. He stated that the building should open in December 2004. Representative Grundberg requested the annual costs of operating the laboratory facility. Mr. Johnson was unable to provide the estimates and promised to forward the information at a future date.
- **Capitol Complex Landscaping.** Mr. Johnson provided the Committee with the results of a project conducted by Iowa State University students regarding landscaping plans for the Capitol Complex. The Capitol Complex master plan was used as the basis for the project. Mr. Johnson stated that the project documents would be maintained by the department for future reference.



IV. Chamber Renovation Update.

Mr. Mark Willemssen, Legislative Facilities Manager, stated that the renovation work in each of the chambers is ahead of schedule. A question was raised regarding the improper expenditure of moneys in the Capitol Interior Renovation Fund. Mr. Willemssen stated that the issue is being investigated.

V. Written Materials Submitted to the Committee.

A. A memorandum submitted by Ms. Nicole Haatvedt regarding the Citizens' Aide Ombudsman's request for permission to assume responsibility for artwork.

B. A site plan submitted by Mr. Tom Johnson for the Iowa Capitol Complex by the College of Design at Iowa State University.

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